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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 601, HD1
RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION FEES

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Finance.

I am Major General Arthur Logan, Adjutant General, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Director of Homeland Security.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 601, HD1.

This measure, if passed would, repeal the requirement that disabled veterans be in receipt of "disability retirement pay" to be exempt from paying the annual vehicle registration fees. Veterans who qualify would be required to be a resident of Hawaii, a 100% disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and receive an "other than dishonorable discharge".

I appreciate your support of our Veterans, as our service connected 100% disabled Veterans have served selflessly in support and in defense of our country. There are approximately 3790 VA determined 100% disabled Veterans in Hawaii. Passing this bill would expand the limited number of 100% disabled Veterans that are currently eligible due to the existing language of not only being 100% disabled, but also receiving "disability retirement pay."

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in Support of HB 601, HD1.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation.